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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Supplemental to the Amendment filed July 9, 2001 (copy attached), entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

75. (Amended) A Hepatitis C virus polynucleic acid, having a nucleotide sequence which is unique to at least one of the new HCV types 7, 9 or 11, or, to at least one of the subtypes 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g, 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h, 2i, 2k, 2l, 3g, 4k, 4l or 4m, wherein when the sequence is unique to at least subtype 1d the sequence is at least 96% identical to SEQ ID NO: 1; or the complement thereof.

76. (Amended) A polynucleic acid which is selected from the group consisting of

(i) the nucleotide sequences having SEQ ID 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21,